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In re application of

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USE OF SELENIUM FOR TREATING PATIENTS SUFFERING FROM SYSTEMIC

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Examiner J. Pak

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INFLAMMATORY RESPONSE SYNDROME (SIRS), AND COMPOSITION FOR IMPLEMENTING THE TREATMENT

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of July 16, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 23 as follows:

23. (amended) A method for treating an adult patient suffering from severe systemic inflammatory response syndrome, comprising:

administering to said patient an effective amount of a composition comprising at least one molecule containing selenium,

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